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1966Q

"Fall 1910"

TURKS BACK FRENCH ATTACK ON RUSSIANS

After the "Spring 1905" moves, the French army in Edinburgh retreated to Liverpool.

FRANCE (Latimer): A Liv-Edi; F North Atlantic-Norwegian Sea; F Eng-Lon; F Eng-Eng; F Wes-Mid; F Tyr-Kom; A Pic-Ven; A Tyr-Vio; A Pic-Bol; A Bur S A Pic-Bol; A Par S A Bur.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Vaughn): A Ven-Rom.

RUSSIA (Aita): F Don-North Sea; F Edi S F Don-North Sea; F Norwegian Sea S F Edi; A Mun & A Bol hold; F Hol & A Ruh S A Bol; A Boh S A Mun; A War-Sil; A Vio S TURKISH F Tri; A Gal S A Vio.

TURKEY (Borman): F Tri S FRENCH A Pic-Ven; A Bud S FRENCH A T r-Vio; F Apu-Adr; F Ion-Gro; F Scov-Bla; A Sor S A Bud; A Ram-Cal; A Bul-Rum; F Hog-Con; F Smy-Con (14).

Underlined moves are not possible. There was no Turkish unit in Smyrna, so "F Smy-Con" is impossible. The Russian army in Vienna is annihilated for lack of a place to which to retreat, and the Austro-Hungarian army in Venice is removed for lack of a supply center. The Eight Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

FRANCE: Bre, Liv, Lon, Mar, Nap, Par, Por, Rom, Spa, Tun, Ven, Vic. (12)

RUSSIA: Bol, Bor, Don, Edi, Hol, Kic, Mos, Mun, Nor, St.P, Swc, War. (12)

TURKEY: Ank, Bud, Ful, Com, Grc, Rum, Ser, Scov, Smy, Tri. (10)

Russia may build two new units, and Turkey and France may each build one. The deadline for these "Winter 1910" builds is SATURDAY 19 NOVEMBER at NOON.

The following Austro-Hungarian press release comes from Conrad von Metzke, who during his brief tenure submitted no moves on time, but did manage

1966R

"Spring 1905"

OUTNUMBERED GERMANS RETAKE MUNICH

ENGLAND (Latimer): F Norwegian Sea-North Atlantic; F North Sea-Lon; A Yor S F North Sea-Lon; F Hel-North Sea.

FRANCE (Berman): F Mid-North Atlantic; F Bre-Eng; F Lon-North Sea; F Bol S F Lon-North Sea; A Par-Pic; A Mar-Pur; A Mun-Boh; A Hol Hold; A Ruh S A Hol.

GERMANY (Lobling): A Bor-Mun; A Kic S A Bor-Mun; F Don S A Kic.

ITALY (M. Thomson): A Tri-Vic; A Tyr S A Tri-Vic; A Sor-Tri; F Adr S A Sor-Tri; F Ion-Gro.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Uhr): A Bud S A Vic; A Vio S A Bud.

RUSSIA (Levinson): A War-Sil; F Swc & A Mos hold.

TURKEY (Wagner): A Eul-Sor; A Rum S A Bul-Sor; A Grc S A Bul-Sor; A Scov & F Bla S A Rum; F Hog S F Grc; F Smy-Eas.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Italian army in Serbia retreats to Albania. The deadline for "Fall 1905" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 19 NOVEMBER 1966.

MUNICH (17 March 1905, IGNA): In spite of all French reports to the contrary, the Bavarian Independence Front is still in existence, still controls Munich, and is still giving the French a pain in the derriere (of their supply lines). General Kronstadt is resting comfortably in his villa over the Willmstrassor Beer Hall, and Colonel Czyglo plays cribbage with Mayor Unterlintonstrassor. (It is rumored that the Colonel owes the Mayor the entire provinces of Sislouthonia and Horcegovina. I am inclined to believe them, as I personally owe the Mayor £ 57,000,000,000/7/5. I own no real estate, so we played for money.) In any event, there has not been a serious French foray since just before Christmas,

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NORTHERN ALLIANCE HAMMERS ITALY, RUSSIA

Following the "Spring 1904" campaign, the German army in Tyrolia retreated to Venice.

ENGLAND (Dygert): A Liv-Mos; A St.P S A Liv-Mos; F Eng-Mid; F Mid-Spa (s.c.); F Wes-Tun; F North Africa S F Wes-Tun.

FRANCE (Vaughn): A Por holds.

GERMANY (Latimer): F Bot-Sve; A Pru-War; A Sil S A Fru-War; A Boh-Gal; A Ven-Ron; A Bur-Mun; A Pic-Bur; A Gas-Mar.

ITALY (Aita): A Bul holds; F Spa S A Mar; A Mar S F Spa; F Tyr-Wes; F Tun S F Tyr-Wes; F Tus-Rom; A Pic S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Tyr-Ven.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Walker): A Ser-Tri; A Tyr-Von; A Vic-Boh; A Gal S A Vic-Boh; F Gre S ITALIAN A Bul; A Rum S A Gal.

RUSSIA (Turner): A Mos-Sov; A War-Ukr; F Sov-Fla.

TURKEY (E. Thompson): F Aog-Gre; F Con-Blz; A Ank-Con.

Underlined moves are not possible. The following retreats are necessitated:

GERMANY: A Boh-Tyr, A Ven-Mun.

RUSSIA: A Mos annihilated.

ITALY: F Tun-Tyr or F Tun-Ion.

The direction of the Italian retreat should be submitted with the "Winter 1904" moves which may be made conditional upon it. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bre, Edi, Div, Len, Mos, Nor, St.P, Tun. (8)

FRANCE: For. (1)

GERMANY: Bel, Bor, Den, Hol, Kio, Mun, Por, Sve, War. (9)

ITALY: Bul, Mar, Nap, Rom, Spa. (5)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Gre, Rum, Ser, Tri, Ven, Vic. (7)

RUSSIA: Sov. (1)

TURKEY: Ank, Con, Smy. (3)

England may build two new units, and Germany and Austria-Hungary may each build one. Italy must remove two units, and Russia must remove one. The deadline for those "Winter 1904" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 19 NOVEMBER 1966.

SALONA (15 September 1904): The Imperial Chancery today issued a statement denying a vicious rumour which has recently appeared in the British press. In part, the release said, "It has been noised abroad of late that one Sextus Tarquinius, allegedly the British Ambassador, was allowed by Her Imperial Majesty, Empress Lucrezia of the Balkanian Empire, to enter into an improper relationship with Her Imperial person. Inasmuch as this office has not processed any papers on any such ambassador, since the Imperial Post and Customs Ministry has no record of his entry into Balkania, and since no British ambassador, of whatever name, has been accredited to the Imperial Government since late 1903, it is obvious that this rumor is nothing more than a malicious lie spread by certain interests anxious to undermine the authority of the Imperial Government." Her Imperial Majesty, in a note to the Imperial Ministry of Information, further noted that the story avers that the alleged British ambassador was sent to Vienna, whereas Her Majesty has resided in Salona since 1902. Her Majesty also suggested that, although the story originated in the British press, it must have been placed there by agents of Kaiser Wormtongue of Germany.

VENICE (18 November 1904): After a harifought battle, in which the cowardly German troops were completely routed, His Imperial Highness, Prince Cesare Borghese, returned to the land of his birth, cheered by great crowds of wellwishers, admirers, and people. His Highness, fresh from the Russian campaign, fought for the preservation of the Imperial Russian State against the perfidy of her neighbors, told the assembled crowds that Italy would soon be liberated from foreign invaders and His

"Winter 1908"

RUSSIAN MARCH ON LIECHTENSTEIN

GRANDE CASINO, BEAUCOUILLO (28 November 1908): Rumors reaching here from the confused situation in central Europe indicate that the Third Army of the Russian Technocratic Republic may be disbanded by the Russian government "if there is one," added Count Avino, the power behind the throne of this tiny Grand Duchy. Some doubts on this last point have been voiced by the odds-makers of the Grand Ducal Bourse.

The most recent despatches to have reached Beaucauillon indicate that the Third Army, far from having advanced triumphantly across Austrian Poland and Silosia to Breslau, was decisively defeated last May by a superior Turkish force, and fled westward under the able leadership of its commander, General Count Oblowoff. Oblowoff, who issued his "victory" proclamation upon entering Breslau, has since announced his intention of marching on Liechtenstein.

VADUZ, LIECHTENSTEIN (30 November 1908): The Hon. Josef Szigeti-Quakonbruck, formerly Prime Minister of Liechtenstein and now Buncor-in-Chief of the military brothol established in that country, denied rumors that Liechtenstein is unprepared for the anticipated Russian invasion. "Thanks to the astuteness of the Hon. Jasper Pike, Liechtenstein's new proprietor," the Buncor-in-Chief told the press, "Liechtenstein will be prepared to meet everything Oblowoff and his Russians have to offer. Mr. Pike brings to Liechtenstein his years of experience in this business in New York - a business which brought him such financial success that he was appointed Ambassador to Beaucauillon. The Chief Madam, Countess Rubilovsky, has recruited a staff of unparalleled energy, and capacity."

GRANDE CASINO, BEAUCOUILLO (1 December 1908): Turkish odds fell slightly today in moderate trading, closing at 2-1. England failed to keep pace, owing to the more dispersed flocks, and closed at 11-5. France remained the favorite at 8-5. Italy was off fractionally in light trading, closing at 15-1 after a brief rally sparked by rumors of an agreement with Liechtenstein whereby the Duchesses of Pizzina and Toscanelli would enter Liechtenstein's employ. Trading in Russia was sluggish, and was finally ordered stopped by the Chief Croupier while an investigation is conducted into whether there is a Russian government.

In other activity on the Bourse, Jasper Pike's Liechtenstein Pleasureland Corporation was hit by a flurry of "Sell" orders about 11 AM when Sir Oliver Mottke-Wronch, the English Ambassador, informed traders that Oblowoff's army had no cash other than the inflation-ridden paper rubles of the Technocratic Republic. The prospect of no financial advantage being gained from the Russian onslaught caused Pleasureland stock to drop $16\frac{1}{2}$ points. The run was ended when Honry Pike, the nephew of Liechtenstein's owner, presented conclusive evidence that Count Oblowoff had looted the Russian gold reserves before leaving his homeland, and was bringing them to Liechtenstein. The evidence was in the form of a bag of gold rubles collected by Baroness Czerny, wife of the Russian Ambassador to Beaucauillon, in the course of a secret journey made by her and her sister, Lady Arletta, to the Russian encampment in Silosia. The slump in Pleasureland stock was wiped out by a series of purchase orders, and Pleasureland closed $9\frac{3}{4}$ points up.

GRANDE CASINO, BEAUCOUILLO (5 December 1908): The Grand Duke Cosimo XIII made a rare personal appearance at the Grand Ducal Bourse to express his pleasure over the flourishing financial condition of the Grand Duchy as the war neared the end of its eighth year. (His cynical friend Count Avino was heard to remark that there were also some new female dealers at the Bourse which the Grand Duke had not yet inspected.) The Chief Croupier's report was most gratifying. Estimated gross income for 1908 is estimated at 1,400,000 ducats from the Bourse alone, net counting the sale of commemorative postage stamps, titles of nobility, medals, or old mistresses. In answer to a question, the Grand Duke said that he did not expect the opening of Jasper Pike's "Pleasureland" in Liechtenstein would greatly affect the income of Beaucauillon. "What the Hon. Mr. Pike is selling," Cosimo XIII said, "can

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be bought only by men in reasonably good health and vigor. But the trade of the Grand Duchy is subject to no such limitations." He indicated a nearby roulette table where the players included a 96-year-old dowager from England and a dissipated young Crimean princess about 14 years old.

"Winter 1908" builds and removals are:

ENGLAND (Peck): Builds F Liv, a Lon. RUSSIA (D. Smith): No move received.

TURKEY (Wells): Builds F Smy. Gamesmaster removes A Sil.

Neither Dennis Smith nor the stand-by player, James Sanders, submitted a move for Russia. Eugene Frösnitz is therefore asked to submit a "Spring 1909" move for that country, which will be used if Sanders does not send in a move. The deadline for "Spring 1909" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 19 NOVEMBER 1966.

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"Winter 1909"

GERMAN LOSSES HEAVY AFTER SURPRISE ENGLISH ATTACK

No German retreat was received for the dislodged army in Galicia, which is therefore removed. The "Winter 1909" moves are:

ENGLAND (Koning): Builds F Lon, F Edi. ITALY (Berman): Removes a Pic.

GERMANY (Smythe): No moves received. TURKEY (Kuch): Builds A Con.

Gamesmaster removes F Mid.

The deadline for "Spring 1910" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 19 NOVEMBER 1966. The stand-by player, James Latimer, is asked to submit moves for Germany.

ROME: Whoops! There goes another one!

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"Winter 1904"

FRENCH LOSSES HEAVY AFTER SURPRISE ATTACK BY EVERYBODY

The German army dislodged from Warsaw was retreated to Livonia by Anders Swenson, who hereby resumes the rule of that country. "Winter 1904" builds and removals are:

FRANCE (Dygert): F Por, F Spa, F Mid removed by Gamesmaster, since no French orders were received in accordance with the corrections printed in CRAUSTARK #109.

GERMANY (Swenson): Builds A Kic.

TURKEY (Pournelle): Builds a Con, a Smy. A third build to which Turkey was entitled was not made.

The deadline for "Spring 1905" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 19 NOVEMBER 1966.

LONDINIUM, ENGLAND: King Knut is rumoured to be aboard one of the dragonboats in the fleet off the Coast of Spain, and is expected to lead in the invasion and liberation of Spain from the illegal rule of the French court; after the invasion there will be a master plan drawn up for the elimination of the corrupt government in France and the restoration of France to its rightful rulers.

Knut in a press release earlier in the year, stated the Fleet in the western Mediterranean had no hostile intentions towards Italy, but would be highly interested in an alliance to eliminate France as a major power. The exact words of Knut II are: "Jeg Kongo Knut II mod forbundet af Tyskland forsøge ikke noget mere end fylde horrodonne af Europa, dætter af løbe inkludere Italien."

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to write a little propaganda.

CREMONA, ITALY (13 May 1916): Speaking from inside a 'collo, Austrian premier-in-exile Volkmar V. von Vierhoden announced today, "Also sprach Zarathustra und like sat, warum bin die Turks geschmasching us wann wir so wundervoll ist? You tell-a me dat, no?"

CONSTANTINOPLE: The very unpredictable Sultan has done it again. The only sure thing that can be said is that we aren't getting any weaker - we hope.

CONSTANTINOPLE: So who needs friends anyway?

and that one was caused by the odor of strudel and sausage drifting over the French lines. (It seems that there is some sort of farm crisis over there - we get little news except from Schmidt's wireless, which is rather scratchy.)

You may have noticed that my news agency has changed several times since 1902 - the fortunes of war. The Pacific News Agency is affiliated somewhat with Reuters, and handles a lot of their Far East work. When I was transferred back here to the continent, it was only logical I should work for Reuters - but Reuters' office in Munich was destroyed during the shelling in late November, and the Imperial German News Association was the only agency left that had any carrier pigeons - now the only sure way of getting a message to the outside world. Only their employees can use the pigeons, so I leave you as.....Robert Kirkbride, IGNA.

BERLIN (IGNA): Remember when we said we were learning French so we could speak to our subjects better? Well, it comes in handy with deserters, too.

PARIS (IGNA): We are not the "République de la France, Grande Bretagne, et Allemagne", we are the "Troiseme Republique de la France, Grande Bretagne, Hollande, Luxembourg, Espagne, Portugal, Algerie, Corse, et l'Isles de la Manche". Our allies (if we still have any undoublecrossed) may call us La Belle France. Merci.

LONDON (IGNA): Prince Otto has taken well to life in London. His total of near-fatal "accidents" has gone up to an unprecedented 749, and even Bubbles is back in the bloom of health. "I lige zer zity, und zer beoples, und der lions in Hilde Bark, und der Kink - der Kink iss a nize yellow, oggzept for his English, vich he speaks mit der incorrekt accent, but with rich I am helping him to improve upon. All und all, London iss ein fine zidy. Azido from the fagt that der dramatic ogg- scirence ovf liffling in Vrance for zeven months has badly affegted mine mind, vor many ovf mine zervants haf of late been much French speaking, und der Union Jack loogs zhriegoly dricolored. Bozidos, mine tattoo zooms to have come true.

TIENTSIN (30 January 1905, PNA): Russian troops and German seamen are digging mass graves for the thousands of bodies of Chinese Christians found lying in the streets. Admiral von Spec sent the fleet's Marine detachment along with the Cosacks to relieve the Peking legations. The telegraph lines to Peking have been repaired and the embassies are still holding out.

SHANGHAI (17 March 1905, AP): American troops entered Fort Sobieski, last stronghold of the European population, found only 230 people alive of the city's 5,000 foreigners.

KIEV (5 April 1905, IRN): A bumper crop of early winter wheat is being shipped to Rumania and Germany. Luckily, tracks to these areas are still undamaged despite the battles throughout Eastern Europe.

ATHENS (10 April 1905): President Nasturtium, who was rushed from Bucharest to command the 1st GAS Corps here, announced that war had been declared with Italy. "They took great offense at our purely unintentional victory over the Italian troops in Greece!" Nasturtium commented. "Ah well, they too will soon discover the invincibility of Turks in combat! Personally, I think the Pope is behind all this. We'll deal with him after the inevitable fall of Rome."

SOFIA (13 April 1905): Due to a foul-up in Turkish communications, the 164th Turk Army of the Balkans was given the order to attack Italian forces in Serbia instead of holding the flank for a 1st GAS corps assault as originally planned. The latest news from the front indicates an overwhelming Turk victory is near at hand.

PARIS: In a surprise move peace was made with Germany and Munich has been returned to German hands. It is hoped that Russia will now aid our cause against England. The army formerly in Munich has been dispatched to Austria-Hungary to help cut Italian friends in their gallant stand against Turkey.

VATICAN CITY (26 April 1905): Pope Sylvester IV indignantly rejected a Turkish protest over alleged Vatican support for Italian policy in the Balkans. "The Vatican is, as it must be, completely neutral in the present world conflicts," the Pope told reporters. "We point to our successful negotiation of the American civil conflict between presidential claimants Bryan and Roosevelt, and the present reconciliation now taking place in that great nation under the compromise presidency of

Woodrow Wilson. We have also mediated the Canadian attack on America, so that peace once more reigns in North America. Our present concern is the negotiation of peace in Europe, and in the troubled cities of China, where Europeans are threatened by scarlet-robed nationalist fanatics of the so-called 'Red Garb'.

"If President Djemal Nasturtium of Turkey continues in his unwarranted attacks, we shall extend papal recognition to the Turkish royalist underground government in Angora, and send the Pope's Own Regiment of Amazon Axewomen to liberate the unfortunate females held captive in Turkish harems."

VATICAN CITY (30 April 1905): A slight misunderstanding of the name of a sempstress led today to a scandal which broke over the papal court with a vehemence not known here since the Counter-Reformation. All over Rome, people are asking one another what was the real purpose of Pope Sylvester IV in recruiting the Pope's Own Regiment of Amazon Axewomen, organized in 1903 under the command of Col. Elizabeth Borden of the USA.

The sempstress by Papal Appointment to the Axewomen, who is charged with making their colorful uniforms, is a Mrs. Macalusa, a former mistress of that Cardinal Tosca whose death caused such a furor a few years ago. But there also lives in Rome a sempstress named MacAlister, a pious Irish Protestant widow who has built up a trade among British women resident in the eternal city.

Three days ago, four recruits in the Axewomen came to Mrs. MacAlister to get their uniforms made. None of them were Italians; they'd apparently intended to go to Mrs. Macalusa for a rush order to be readied for a celebration of St. Walburga's Eve at the Vatican tonight. Mrs. MacAlister overheard one of the girls, an American, tell another, "You'll like Sylvester. He's a real pussycat!"

This overheard conversation was reported to other women of the British community in Rome, whence it reached the press. Foreign residents, particularly those from Protestant countries, have been asking why Pope Sylvester recruited a large number of attractive young women into the Axewomen.

SQUIJI ISLANDS (2 May 1905): The great tides of life in the outside world usually pass by these tropic islands without even disturbing the perpetual pinochle game among the native king and two German remittance men. One of the Germans, a tired merchant marine captain who claims, when full of schnapps, to be a prince or a near relative of the famous Prince Otto, has not received a letter since his notice of dismissal from the merchant marine in 1892. Then, suddenly, the pinochle game was interrupted yesterday by a flood of cablegrams delivered to the quondam "Prince" Max.

"What is all this?" the native king asked after the fifth or sixth such interruption.

"Der Squiji Islands iss becming very popular," Max replied. "Efferybody vants to come here in a hurry. Dero iss mine cousin in Prince Otto, who vants to le London because his dachshund Bubbles iss being sued for non-support by a female Englisch bulldog. Und Max's personal physician, Dr. A. Ohne Unlcut, vants to mal anudder antropologickle expedition - quickly, before der Pope finds out vot he's really been doing in der fizicle eggzaminations uff der Amazon Axewomen. Der Rumanian Royal Family vants to gett away from Europe to a nize safe place, preferably midtout Turks. Der Turkish royalists vant to establish a guvernment-in-eggzil a nize safe place, preferably midtout Rumanians. A Colonel Czyglo vants to hide here rudder dan pay his gambling debts. Und now der Pope hass got some kindt of scandal in Rome, und vants to know iff he can stay here for a while until der he iss off."

As Prince Max spok, another messenger dashed up with yet another cablegram:

"Vot's in dat vun?" the other German asked from behind a wealth of long whiskers.

"It's from a sempstress in Rome named Mrs. Macalusa. She says dot der uni for der Pope's Own Amazon Axewomen iss so small dot she can't make a lifting a und vants to know iff she can goit a chob sowing palm-leafs togodder for der re virmens here."

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THE ADVENTURES OF SECRET AGENT 0-0-HATE

Chapter XVI

The American headquarters of the Society Committed to the Restoration of Absolute Monarchy had made great strides since Secret Agent 0-0-Hate and Sir Harley Davidson had founded the counter-revolutionary organization. Their headquarters on St. Mark's Place in the East Village now contained two spacious desks, a number of well-padded chairs, and an empty shaving cream can which was connected by an extension of the Knot Line to a bean can in the Washington office of 0-0-Hate's superior, the mysterious Mac. Over the front entrance was a sign carrying the name of the American branch of SCRAM, an organization named after the great American martyr to the principles of absolute monarchy. This group was called the Bonedict Arnold Society - or, to give it its full name, the Bonedict Arnold Society Teaching Americans Royalist Doctrine.

"How's the membership drive coming?" 0-0-Hate asked his Canadian colleague.

"Not too good," Sir Harley replied. "If it weren't for that furniture dealer you promised a title of nobility to, the place would be bare to the walls. And the fellow who painted the signs called this morning. He's changed his mind, and says he would rather have fifty dollars than a knighthood."

At that minute a new problem appeared. About a dozen unkempt college students arrived, took up positions on the sidewalk in front of the walk-down office, and began a picket line. The signs carried by the bearded youths and long-haired girls read such things as: "No war and no king!", "Down with the crown!", or "This is a republic, not a kingdom; let's keep it that way".

"I'll see what I can do about this," 0-0-Hate said. He went out to the sidewalk, to be greeted instantly by a howl of derision.

"Who's in charge here?" he asked.

A slender young man with thick brown hair and beard came to the fore. He was wearing a red shirt with half a sleeve missing, tattered white jeans, and unmatched sandals. "I am!" he replied defiantly. "I'm president of this Columbia University chapter of the October Revolution Borschcht and Marching Society!"

"Could we speak with you a moment?" 0-0-Hate asked. Before the youth could reply, 0-0-Hate applied a judo hold to him and guided him into the office.

"Now that we can talk reasonably," 0-0-Hate went on, "what's your name?"

"Fred Turner."

"How would you like the sound of 'Sir Frederick Turner'?" 0-0-Hate asked. The young man stared at him. "Or, if all goes well, 'Lord Frederick Turner, First Baron of Morningside Heights'?"

Turner considered the matter carefully for fourteen seconds. "Hey, that sounds great! How do I get it?"

"Well, we need a youth group for our counter-revolutionary movement against the National Liberation Front of 1776..."

"Sold!" Instantly Turner left the office, formed his pickets into line, and marched off.

The next day 0-0-Hate and Sir Harley looked up with astonishment as a group of students entered the office. The men were dressed in tight-fitting suits on the latest Carnaby Street lines, and the women were all carefully coiffed, clad, and nyloned. At their head was a clean-cut youth who looked vaguely familiar.

"I am gratified again to be making your acquaintance," their leader said.

"Again?" the bewildered royalists replied.

"Why, certainly. I'm Frederick Turner. My cohorts here, whom you may have seen in front of the office yesterday, are now the Columbia University chapter of the Young Americans for Feudalism. How may we best assist in bringing the blessings of absolute monarchy to America?"

"Don't forget the titles, Fred," said another of the group.

(What has Secret Agent 0-0-Hate let himself in for? Keep tuned.)

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Holiness the Pope will again reign in undiminished glory. His Highness also told many cruising stories about the defeat and complete rout of the cream of the German army just north of the City of Canals. It is believed that this army is now sheltering in one of the more impoverished districts of Italy, eating goat fat and bitter herbs for sustenance.

SEVASTOPOL: The Mad Satirical Monk today announced that the capital of Holy Mother Russia has been transferred to Sevastopol. In his speech announcing the change, the Mad Satirical Monk at last revealed his true identity! In reality he is Andrei Borkovich Swensonov, a distant relative of the late Tsar. It is rumored that Swensonov has single-handedly caused the failure of more military campaigns than any other human being. The prime example of his modus operandi was when he dissuaded Baron Munchhausen from following the advice of the French envoy, M. le Tournier, on two different occasions. As his final act of sabotage, in this instance, Swensonov planted a bomb in the headquarters of Munchhausen's telegraph service, so that no orders reached the front lines from the General Staff.

The Mad Satirical Monk has now, however, renounced his past underhanded dealings, and has assumed the Russian throne as Andrei I. The move of the capital to Sevastopol is in keeping with his contention that the world's most beautiful women are to be found among the peasants of southern Russia. In reply to a newsman's question, he stated, "What vows of celibacy?"

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The experimental "World War I" game, described in GRAUSTARK #107, is now being undertaken in GRAUSTARK between Mohren Thomson as the Central Powers, and David Lebling as the Entente Powers. Their "Fall-Winter 1914" moves have already been received, and will be published, together with their "Spring 1915" moves, in GRAUSTARK #111. The rules stated in GRAUSTARK #107 will be used, with the clarification that the move "Kiss-Ska" is not possible. In this game, Italy will join the Entente Powers. Players are now being solicited for a second such experimental game, with Italy belonging to the Central Powers. Entry in this experimental game is free to anyone already receiving GRAUSTARK as a player or subscriber.

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